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Alex Polowin awarded Légion d'honneur

Alex Polowin does not consider himself a hero. Serving in the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War, he faced danger every day. However, if you ask him about his proudest memory, he will not

point to an episode of bravery or his have bestowed on him the Légion participation in a victorious battle. d'honneur medal, the country's Instead, he will modestly say, "I helped to win the war."

The government of France has a different opinion of Polowin. They believe he is very much a hero and

most prestigious award.

Like Canada's Victoria Cross or the Medal of Honor given out by the US, the Legion of Honour recognizes gallantry in the face of the enemy. Established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, the decoration was created to reward civilian and military acts that contributed to the defence and prosperity of France.

Last year, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of D-Day, the government of France decided to pay tribute to 32 Canadian veterans who played a role in the liberation of France and Europe. In doing so, France was honouring Canada's contribution of 15,000 men to the Normandy landings

According to Lieutenant-Colonel (Continued on page 2)



Alex Polowin (right) with Premier Dalton McGuinty at a Remembrance Day event. For years, Polowin has spoken to Ottawa students about his experiences during the Second World War.

Election 2006 Candidates meet with Federation committee

By Barry Fishman, editor

The response from the candidates to the invitation to attend a meeting with members of the Communications and Community Relations Committee of the Federation was remarkable.

Candidates from the six three separate nights, five Conservatives, three Liberals and five NDP candidates visited the SJCC to listen, learn and discuss the issues and concerns facing the community. Those who couldn't attend sent their apologies, citing prior commitments.

The goal, says Jeff Polowin, CCRC chair, was "to explain to

the candidates what the new Federation is all about, show them that the community is very interested and involved in the political process and tell them what issues are important to us."

issues discussed included support for the State of Israel, Ottawa ridings were invited. On the UN, the rise of anti-Semitism and hate crimes in Canada, immigration, security and the funding and creation of social programs,

They can never say that they didn't hear about them. I think it has been important for them because they have the opportunity through the Bulletin to get their views out," Pelowin says.

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Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in his last interview with the Japanese Nikkei Shimbun newspaper at his Jerusalem office before being hospitalized at the Hadassah Ein Karem Hospital in Jerusalem due to a stroke and serious brain bleeding. As of press time, Sharon's health had improved slightly and his anaesthetist Dr. Yoram Weiss says he is "no longer in immediate danger." (JP Photo: Ariel Jerozolimski)

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be number two in rising Kadima Peres to

Former prime minister Shimon Peres will be second on the Kadima list after Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, and Justice Minister Tzipi Livni will be third, according to a deal they worked out.

Meanwhile, a new poll shows the party at a new high, heading for 44 seats. Olmert accepted Peres's

request for a promotion on the Kadima list, but he turned down his request to be Olmert's vice prime minister or his candidate for foreign minister in a Kadima-led government.

Both of those roles are expected to go to Livni, who second slot on the list for

According to the deal, Peres will return to the Ministry of Negev and Galilee Development and will be involved in diplomatic negotiations and projects advancing peace. Peres will also be consulted regarding

volunteered to give up the the makeup of Kadima's Knesset slåte.

> Kadima officials said they were in no hurry to decide key issues like the order of the rest of the party's Knesset list, who would be temporarily appointed to the cabinet and even when the Kadima faction would convene. The

first deadline on the horizon is February 7, by which all party lists must be submitted to the Central Elections Committee.

Transportation Minister Meir Sheetrit convened Kadima's organizational campaign team at the party's Petah Tikva headquarters and decided to freeze all campaigning. Several trips of Kadima's Knesset candidates to malls and markets around the country were postponed indefinitely.

Kadima's new branches in cities nationwide will not open until the beginning of February at the earliest, nor will Sheetrit's committee meet again until then.

"I think that the right decision for Kadima at this time is not to have any political activity until the prime minister's condition becomes clear," Sheetrit said.

"But [Prime Minister Ariell Sharon wants Kadima to win and we will be ready.3

Sharon's associates said that they were not in the mood to focus on the elections while they were spending most of their time at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, They said they also felt no urgency to campaign while

Kadima continued to hold

steady in the polls. A Dialogue pell set to be published in Haaretz on Wednesday found that Kadima rose four mandates since last week, up to 44. Amir Peretz's Labor Party continued to flounder, falling two seats to 16 and the Likud held steady at 13.

A Geocartograpy poll broadcast on Channel 1 gave Kadima 45 seats, Labor 17 and Likud 14.

A poll conducted by Smith Research for the business newspaper Globes, which was revealed on Army Radio on Tuesday, indicated that Kadima would win 40 seats, Labor 17 and Likud 15.

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France honours Polowin

(Continued from page 1) Jean-Pierre Duran, deputy defence attaché at the French Embassy, during the selection process for the 32 medal recipients, the decision-makers realized that many more Canadian veterans deserved Légion d'honneur medals. The French military is now working closely with Canada's Department of Veteran Affairs to select additional medal winners. Polowin's name was one of the first identified.

The medal came as a Polowin. "Never in a million vears did I think I would

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receive this," he said, overcome with emotion. "I am so proud. I'm still not back down to earth.

He was notified by letter from Daniel Jouanneau, the French Ambassador to Canada. In the letter, Jouanneau states, "By awarding you such a high distinction, France wants to glorify a great Canadian soldier who fought for freedom."

In the months leading up to D-Day, the English Channel had become overly crowded with Nazi supply complete surprise to and war ships, since the Allies had destroyed most of Europe's railroad lines

Polowin was serving on the destroyer HMCS Huron. The Huron was part of a flotilla of 10 destroyers four British, four Canadian and two Polish - charged with 'cleaning out' the Channel to prepare for the D-Day invasion. The flotilla sank 56 Nazi boats. The Canadian contingent alone sank 25

There were some scary episodes during those seven months in the Channel. During one encounter, the ship's hull was hit by an exploding magazine. Determined not to leave his post even though the water aboard was rising. Polowin overcame his fear by singing the Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland song "Good Moming to You."

Another time, Polowin and three other sailors were sent in a lifeboat to find a torpedo that had been fired off during a practice run off the coast of France. When they finally caught up with it, a wave caused the lifeboat to crash into the torpedo creat-



the Second World War.

ing a gaping hole. With water filling up the boat and waves pouring over the top, the Huron was nowhere in sight. Finally, the sailors saw smoke on the horizon. But was it the Huron coming for them or a Nazi ship? Would they sink or be captured?

"What a great feeling it was when we saw that it was ours," said Polowin.

The French secretary of state for Veterans Affairs will travel to Canada in early 2006 to present Polowin with the Légion d'honneur. He does not mind waiting. Just knowing that he has been selected to receive this esteemed award is enough for the veteran sailor who was so eager to defend his country that he enlisted at age 17.

"It is an honour that at this stage of my life I welcome and relish," said the deserving Polowin.

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Jewish Renaissance has

Jewish Renaissance needed to ensure survival

By Bob Dale

Mark Zarecki has serious reservations about our preoccupation with Jewish continuity.

"Our focus on continuity," says Zarecki, "effectively means that we are continuing to do whatever created the assimilation and intermarriage problem in the first place."

According to Zarecki, the community gives a high priority to things like fundraising, remembering the Shoah and dealing with anti-Semitism. At the same time, we aren't doing enough to answer a very basic question many people are asking: namely, "Why should I be Jewish?"

That's why Zarecki,

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Take kashrut (keeping kosher). Instead of looking at it as an obstacle to, say, socializing with friends, why can't people view it as the humane way set out in the Torah about how we should treat animals? Why can't we look at Shabbat as the day the Jewish world closes down for contemplation, affecting (among other things) environmental sustainability because we don't work or consume as many goods and services?

If people defined their Judaism like this, Zarecki contends, other elements of Judaism would become much clearer to them as well. For Mark Zarecki
example, it would be obvious
that some things are no accident – like the great numbers
of renowned Jewish artists
and scientists, Nobel Prize
winners and accomplishments by the little State of
Israel. If people put all this
together, says Zarecki, they

Zarecki's second track is based on the Jewish community. Front and centre here is the need to highlight the importance of a Jewish day school education in ensuring

would have a greater sense of

pride in being Jewish, and be

less inclined to intermarry or

Jewish survival. An example: statistics show that 80 per cent of Jews who have gone to a day school for six years or more marry within the faith. Day school education isn't the whole story: only six to eight per cent of our young people continue their Jewish education beyond elementary school.

"How can adults have Jewish pride," asks Zarecki, "when their understanding of Judaism is based only on the things they picked up as young kids? We need to educate and re-educate younger and older adults in what it means to be Jewish."

Zarecki's second track extends to beyond education, to encompass other programs that respond to people's needs. Take the problem of hunger.

"When I arrived at JFS," he says, "hungry Jews were regularly turning up at churches to get food." That provided them with an extremely favourable view of Christian charity, and for many, a ready exit from

Judaism. Their view, argues Zarecki, was that "the community rejected me, so now I'm going to reject it."

Although there is now a Jewish Food Bank, Zarecki is still upset about how this was allowed to happen, when helping the poor is central to the Jewish value system.

Communal agencies need [to encourage] people to join in without worrying whether they are Jewish according to Jewish law.

A number of new immigrants, especially from the former Soviet Union, still feel that the community has rejected them.

"Remember," Zarecki says, "some of these immigrants come from backgrounds where they were persecuted for their religion. If they aren't welcomed here by our own Jewish community, it's easy for them to turn to something more familiar, like churches rooted in Russian Orthodox traditions."

This problem is even more serious for mixed-marriage couples, especially when the Jewish spouse, unfamiliar with his or her own religious traditions, accompanies the non-Jewish spouse to church events with their kids and the family as a whole gets involved.

Zarecki points out that many Jewish singles are also dissatisfied with how the community treats them. As a result, they end up meeting people of other faiths at non-Jewish events. According to Zarecki, that's because our community doesn't have programming addressing singles' needs, like holiday celebrations, parties and speed-dating.

JFS held successful programs and reached many (Continued on page 8)



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Ottawa joins worldwide Torah study project

By Chani Bregman

On Monday, March 27, 2006, the Ottawa Jewish community will come together for an evening celebrating Jewish Unity Live.

Jewish Unity Live was created by a group of leaders, visionaries and celebrities across North America to promote Jewish learning.

Organizations across North America including Ottawa's own JET (Jewish Education through Torah) are participating.

In Ottawa, Jewish Unity Live will also mark the completion of the study of the entire Torah by our com-

"Jewish Unity Live was created with the goal of encouraging learning for all Jews," says Steve Morgan, co-chair of Jewish Unity Live Ottawa 2006.

JET has created a unique learning program, the Community Torah Study Project, to celebrate Jewish Unity Live. JET invites every member of the community to take part.

Participants may select any portion of the Five Books of Torah to complete in time for Jewish Unity Live and then join together as one – in unity – on March 27 to celebrate this accomplishment.

The more Jews that participate, the bigger the community's collective accomplishment will be, and the more united the community will become.

Ottawa's Jewish school-children are already busy learning extra Torah for Jewish Unity Live. Students are learning verses from the Book of Numbers (Sefer Bamidbar) either at home or at school and will finish their studies in time for this occasion.

Everyone who learns will be listed in the evening's program book. You may choose to learn a Torah portion by yourself or take advantage of the several convenient classes that are being offered by JET at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

Classes include the story of Joseph and his brothers on Sunday mornings from 10 to 11 am; and Yitro and the Ten Commandments on Monday evenings from 8 to 9 pm or Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 am. Alternatively, if you would like a study partner, call the JET office.

"Jewish Unity Live gives each and every one of us the opportunity to delve more into our rich heritage and unite with Jews across Ottawa and the world," says Lewis Retik, co-chair of the event

Jewish Unity Live will be held on Monday evening, March 27 at 7:00 pm at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

The evening will feature world-renowned lecturer and author Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis, and musical entertainment by the Kol Zimra Ensemble, who have performed across North America, including at the White House Chanukan Party with President George Bush.

For more information, to sign up for the program or to purchase tickets for the Jewish Unity Live celebration (\$36 per person or \$18 for students and seniors), contact JET (798-9818, ext. 247 or jet@jccottawa.com).

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Editor's note: JFO Chair Ron Prehogan has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.

As president of Tamir, I would like to thank Ron Prehogan for giving Tamir this opportunity to speak to the community through the Chair's Column.

Inclusiveness, "bringing Tamir into the community and the community into Tamir," has been fundamental in guiding Tamir since its inception over 20 years ago. As the principal organization in Ottawa dedicated to serving Jewish developmentally disabled people through residential, day, Judaic Outreach and respite services, we are committed to enabling our participants to lead fulfilling lives as integrated members of our community.

Tamir receives the lion's share of its funding from the provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services to cover basic program costs.

However, we look to funding from the community, through the Federation, the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, and fundraising events and appeals in order to support our Judaic programs, as well as other services to Jewish people in the community that are not funded by the

For example, through Tamir's Judaic



Federation Report

Richard Zuker President, Tamir

Outreach Program, our Jewish participants are able to learn about and practise Jewish values and celebrate Shabbat and festivals at their homes, with family and friends, or in synagogue as part of the wider Jewish community.

Under this program, Tamir has, amongst many other activities, led participants on a trip to Israel, supported participants in becoming Bat and Bar Mitzvahs, and created the Tamir choir.

Tamir's Residential Outreach Program extends a lifeline of support to semiindependent developmentally disabled adults living alone who require a range of diverse services. Without such support, there is a significant risk of isolation which invariably leads to more serious problems. Hopefully, the Federation will once again fund this program in the coming year.

One and a half years ago, Tamir began providing services for children with the introduction of Keshet (linkage) for Kids. This unique program enables children with special needs to enjoy summer camp through one-on-one support by

students trained by Tamir. We are planning to extend the program with yearround activities for these and other children.

Tamir is in the process of introducing yet another innovative program called Yad Beyad in which Jewish teens and young adults can fulfill their 40 hours of volunteer service by participating with developmentally disabled children and adults in one-on-one or group activities of mutual interest.

Tamir, in partnership with Jewish schools in our community and funding by the UJA, will undertake a survey of special education needs in 2006.

In recognition of these and our other efforts and achievements over the years, the Jewish Federation of Ottawa awarded Tamir their first annual Excellence in Service Award for 2005/06, of which we are most proud.

Widening the circle of inclusion for developmentally disabled Jewish people in our community remains a continuing challenge

In addition to working to meet the increasing needs of our aging participants, Tamir struggles to provide crisis prevention and other support services to individuals in need living on their own and to relieve parents with disabled children from their constant responsibilities as caregivers.

Tamir also practises inclusiveness in the formulation of its plans. Recently,

Tamir's board sought advice from leaders of the Jewish community, parents and staff in developing a proposal to accept new residents (including Jewish individuals) from the soon-to-be-closed Rideau Regional Centre in Smiths Falls and ways to help Jewish people from the community waiting for service.

Tamir's Jewish participants and their families are grateful for the financial support of the Jewish community, through its institutions and its individual contributions. We have accomplished a great deal together, but there are still many unmet needs.

There are a number of actions that you could take to help support Tamir's efforts toward inclusiveness: volunteer to work with Tamir participants; invite some participants to share in Shabbat and other Jewish festivals in your home or in your synagogue; invite them to the events of your organizations; join with Tamir at its celebrations; come to enjoy the Tamir choir when it performs at community events. Many of our participants are able and willing to work in the community - offer them appropriate paid work.

I look forward to the day when we can truly say that Tamir, together with your support, has achieved our vision of inclusiveness for Jewish people with developmental disabilities into all aspects of life of the Ottawa Jewish community.

Fulfilling the mitzvah of honouring elderly parents

I am indeed gratified to have heard from many members of the Ottawa Jewish community who responded to an article I had written in the summer regarding the most difficult mitzvah - the honouring of elderly parents.

There is no question that many, if not most, of us face or will face the dilemmas and problems thrown our way when we have to come to terms with the predicament of helping our parents when they reach the age and level where they become dependent on us.

I do not pretend to have the answers to these problems, but I hope to share with you some approaches that may be useful to all who face this situation.

My congregation, Beth Shalom West, Jewish Family Services and the SJCC are hosting four sessions dedicated to dealing with the elderly. These sessions are open to the public and will be taking place the last two Tuesday evenings of February and of March.

We will be bringing in experts from the medical, legal and psychological fields to guide the children and caregivers of our elderly. In addition, we will be looking at options for our elderly in terms of issues concerning homecare, assisted



From the

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein **Beth Shalom West**

living and institutionalized living.

Topics to be covered during the fourweek session, beginning Tuesday, February 21, include the spiritual, psychosocial and emotional aspects of taking care of the elderly, the legal aspects of taking care of the elderly, geriatric assessment of the elderly individual and options for the elderly.

I recently saw an interesting ad that said that people plan more for a two-week vacation than they do for their retirement. I think that we should add a corollary to that ad. Many of us do little to plan ahead for our old age, and especially plan ahead for the aging of our parents.

We live under an illusion that we or our parents will always be in good health. We almost feel immortal and invulnerable. But the shock sets in when we stare reality in the face years later.

In a little way, hopefully, these sessions will guide us through the maze of bureaucracy and issues that we never imagined, and never desired. One cannot underestimate the adage, "to be forewarned is to be forearmed.'

A community is judged by how it treats its elderly. Whatever we can provide for

our parents, we must and we should. May Hashem bless us and our families with many years of good health.

For more information about these upcoming sessions, see our ads in the next two issues of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin. Specific inquiries can be made to me at 723-1800



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Outreach conference causes a change of heart

Paul Bregman returned home from the Jewish Outreach Institute's A New Vision for Jewish Outreach conference in Atlanta a changed man.

It wasn't that he didn't believe in outreach before attending the conference. After all, he is a member of the Federation's Jewish Identity and Responsibility Committee, but, as an Orthodox Jew, he was somewhat uncomfortable with the idea of reaching out to the intermarried and unaffiliated in a secular manner.

"I made the wrong assumption that these people and their children were lost to Judaism. The fact that they intermarried was a signal to me that their Judaism didn't matter to them. I think differently now," Bregman says.

Bregman quickly found out Judaism did matter to many of the unaffiliated—including those who were not Jewish, but were raising their children Jewish. The stories he heard from three women who spoke at the conference helped change his attitude towards outreach.

"They all said, 'Had I been more welcomed, I would have more readily converted,' " he says.

Bregman's epiphany came when a demographer got up at the JOI seminar and explained intermarriage as a boxing match – love in one corner, religion in the



other - and rhetorically asked, "Who do you think will win?"

As the latest census figures emphatically show, it's no contest. Love wins by a knockout.

"Love is a very powerful force," Bregman notes.

He readily admits that, if the community openly supports interfaith marriages, it could be seen as a slippery slope.

"It is a fine line between saying, 'I want you to marry someone Jewish and, at the same time, if you have to marry some one who is not, I don't want to cut you off from the community,' 'Bregman says.

"That is the real dilemma the Orthodox community faces," he believes. "You have to try to accommodate these people. Yet, at the same time, I don't want to be in the position where my kids feel it is OK to marry someone who is not Jewish. I would prefer they marry someone who is Jewish."

The Conservative movement is wrestling with the same problem. At its recent biennial convention of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, it was decided to run a campaign encouraging Jews to marry Jews, and movement leaders unveiled a detailed plan for outerach to the intermarried and new converts. For the first time in its history, the Conservative movement will begin an effort to convert the gentile spouses and children of Jews who have married outside the faith.

At its biennial conference in November, the Reform movement, which encourages non-jewish spouses to participate in synagogue life, also decided to actively invite non-Jews to convert.

On a communal level, Bregman believes it is paramount for our leaders to change their perception towards interfaith marriages and unaffiliated Jews.

"You can't force what we want in terms of Jewish values and programs on them. We have to ask what it is they want out of the Jewish community and offer products and programs they will want and use."

An important part of outreach, says Bregman, "is providing positive role models to the unaffiliated and intermarried on what it means to be Jewish by being welcoming, understanding and joyful that we are all together."

Regardless of your level of religious beliefs, for Bregman, outreach is simply "maximizing the number of Jews doing Jewish with other Jews."

No matter whether it is attending a Jewish film, hearing a speaker during a meet and greet bagel breakfast, enjoying a concert or praying together, for Bregman, it is all about making and strengthening the connection.

We decided to send the paper out earlier than the normal January 23 publication date so we could report on meetings between community members and those running for Parliament. The purpose is to give you information to help in your voting decision. Those stories appear on pages 9, 10 and 11.

Please remember to do your civic duty and vote on January 23.

Enough about politics.
Time to have a knish with our latest columnists, Paul Telner and Byron Pascoe.
The boys are writing on what it is like for Jewish 24-year-olds living in Ottawa.
You'll find their first column on page 26.
We hope you enjoy it.

Martin's desperate cling to power

After more than a dozen years of chasing the title, Paul Martin finally became Liberal Party leader – and, of course, Prime Minister of Canada – in December 2003.

Shortly before he took office, a book came out chroniciling the long and ultimately successful campaign of Martin and his minions to secure a stranglehold on their party, to oust Jean Chrétien and to take over the top job.

The book was written by veteran Parliament Hill journalist Susan Delacourt and aptly titled *Juggernaut*.

Almost two years into his mandate, Martin joked that Delacourt should write a companion book, this one about his performance as prime minister so far – a performance that famously won him the nickname "Mr. Dithers."

He suggested she call it "Jugger ... notso-much."

Martin made the joke at the annual Parliamentary Press Gallery dinner, an event where self-deprecatory humour is de rigueur. But maybe, as Homer Simpson says, it's funny because it's true.

If the upcoming election doesn't end Paul Martin's prime ministership years before any of his supporters ever thought possible, it is certain to underline the jugger-not-so-muchedness of his time in office.

In the early days of this new year, a seemingly limitless stream of Liberal elec-



Alan Echenberg

tion-time scandals and gaffes seemed to seal Martin's fate as a short-serving prime minister, but the party came back from a similar near-disaster in 2004 to win a last-minute

If Martin's team does manage to squeak through with another reduced minority government, expect them to react as if they've just won the lottery for the second straight time. But any victory celebration should be taken with a pillar of salt.

If you told Martin's supporters two years ago they'd be eestatic salvaging a second straight bare minority victory, they would have laughed so hard they gagged on their beer and popcorn. The rhetoric back then was about how Martin was going to sweep away the separatists in Quebec, make unprecedented Liberal gains in Alberta, win record numbers of seats, govern for at least a decade and effect "transformative change" on Canadian politics.

Instead, the defining characteristic of Martin's short time in office has been a desperate cling to power for power's sake.

Martin's minions – they call themselves the Board, others call them the Martinis – are as loyal as any team surrounding any politician anywhere.

Many of his advisers have been with him since before he entered federal politics almost 20 years ago and have stuck with him through his bitter leadership loss to Chrétien in 1990, his acclaimed tenure as finance minister, and his ultimate ascension

But, like the proverbial yapping dog that chases the car down the street, the Martinis don't seem to know what to do with power now that they've caught up with it.

Instead of the promised statesmanship and new approach to politics, Martin's team has delivered the spectacle of overblown rhetoric, unfocused crisis management and political tactics honed over years of internal guerilla warfare against Jean Chrétien.

Martin came to office saying he would "put an end to cronyism" and that political influence would no longer be a question of who you know in the PMO." Within a few memths, he had appointed a number of his cronies to the Senate.

He came to office vowing a better, more mature relationship with the United States and has probably left the Americans pining for the clarity, if not the policies, of Jean Chrétien He said he would have failed as prime minister if he didn't reduce Western alienation and proceeded to run his desperate 2004 campaign as a burn-the-bridges attack against Alberta Premier Ralph Klein.

He vowed that he would win over nationalist Quebeckers to the federalist cause and saw the Bloc Québecois revive itself under his watch.

To be fair, much of the crisis atmosphere surrounding Martin's time in office can be attributed to the sponsorship scandal, which had its origins in the Chretien years.

But Canadian voters don't necessarily see a difference between Chrétienites and Martinis. They see a Liberal government that has been in office for more than 12 years, has perhaps grown complacent about corrupting influences and – since Martin has taken over – has appeared less-and-less competent in running the country.

This election campaign has only brought more and more questions of corruption and incompetence upon the Liberals.

Paul Martin may yet pull another one out of the fire and stumble into and through another minority term in office. But even if he wins again, the place in history he coveted for himself may already be out of his grasp.

Alan Echenberg is the Parliament Hill burean chief for Studio 2, TVOntario's nightly current affairs program.

Ottawa Jewish college offers series on Rabbi Heschel

By Ariel Goldberg

Chances are you've already been affected by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's ideas even if you've never heard of him.

Heschel (1907-1972), one of the 20th century's greatest rabbis, scholars and social activists, developed a philosophy that has invigorated Jewish religious life.

One of his most vital ideas is that every individual can personally cancelled God through wrestloing with Torah, experiencing the "wonder and radical amazement" of worship and pursuing tikkun olam (repairing the world).

Heschel's philosophy transcends denominationalism, speaking to *Am Israel* and humanity as a whole.

During 2006, the Ottawa College of Jewish studies will be offering two series of Heschel learning programs, co-sponsored by

Saint-Paul University and Congregations Agudath Israel and Adath Shalom.

In the Heschel Colloquia, to be held at Saint-Paul University, five worldclass scholars will address Heschel's thought and its meaning for our times.

The Heschel seminars, to be held monthly at the Soloway JCC, are aimed at making Rabbi Heschel's challenging thought accessible to Jewish learners of all levels, It will also be a forum for personal exploration through structured discussions of excerpts from Rabbi Heschel's works, led by local rabbis and Jewish educators.

In his life and work, Rabbi Heschel built bridges between heaven and earth; orthodoxy and modernity; contemplation and action; the Jewish worlds of prewar Eastern Europe and of postmodern North America. Bridge-building is also the mission of the Ottawa College of Jewish Studies and thus Rabbi Heschel was a natural focus for its programming year of 2006.

This new institution aims to develop partner-ships in Ottawa between existing centres of Jewish learning with a goal of offering trans-denominational religious learning programming that will be accessible to the entire Jewish community.

Those interested in attending the free Heschel series are encouraged to contact Ariel Goldberg (261-2498) or see the SJCC ad in this edition of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin.

Anyone interested in being a part of the development of the Ottawa College of Jewish Studies can contact its director, Rabbi Ely Braun (721-7629 or ebraun@octs.org).



Prof. Edward Kaplan holds up a photo of Rabbi Heschel during his lecture at the SJCC in November. The event was co-sponsored by the College of Jewish Studies.

Pirkei Avot: the wisdom of our sages

Rabbi Elazar ben Azarya used to say "Anyone whose wisdom exceeds their good deeds, to what are they likened? To a tree whose branches are numerous but whose roots are few; then the wind comes and uproots it and turns it upside down"

(Pirkei Avos 3:22)

Zarecki: Jewish Renaissance

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singles in the past, he says, but they all relied on private funding he personally raised. Once the money ran out, the programming stopped

stopped.

Zarecki is troubled that
the Federation doesn't provide funding to support JFS
initiatives aimed at singles,
or the initiatives he would
like to start for targeting
mixed couples in Orleans.

Zarecki says communal agencies need to be non-judgmental by encouraging people to join in without worrying about whether they are Jewish according to Jewish law (halacha).

We shouldn't assume that people want to identify as Jews by becoming a "member" of a Jewish organization or making a donation to the Annual Campaign

Zarecki believes Jewish Renaissance isn't just about the JFS. It's about the need to ensure Jewish survival, an issue about which he is extremely passionate.

"I'm a Jew," says Zarecki, "and my family has been Jewish for thousands of years. Hopefully, that's the way my kids and their kids will think, so that the cycle can continue over the next thousand years."

By Rabbi Micah Sbotkin

Jews have always put a strong emphasis on education. Knowledge of the Torah and its great wisdom have always been of prime importance to us. Yet, a problem that Jewish educators are often faced with is that the mitzvot we teach are not being reinforced at home. While parents are willing to take the pains to insure that their children receive a Jewish education, it is not accompanied at home with "good deeds."

Rabbi Elazar ben Azarya warns us that if the wisdom is taught without making a concerted effort to apply it to our performance of mitzvot, our good deeds will be "upside Rabbi Yehuda A. L. Alter of Ger explains in his commentary Sfas Emes that, just as branches sway with every wind, so too wisdom alone does not necessarily make a person a committed believing Jew.

Wisdom can be influenced and perverted by the winds of various ideologies and philosophies that are contrary to our Jewish heritage. The observance of the mitzvot helps deeply root our commitment to the wisdom and ideals which Judaism stands for. If we want to instil in our children a strong and lasting commitment to the lofty ideals which they are being taught in school, we have to make sure it is buttressed by good deeds in the home.









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New Project: Preservation of Trees

One ancient tree in Israel, 'The Wishing Tree,' is a 450-year old oak in the Karkur area. People enter right into its hollow trunk, pray, then make a wish. This solitary oak got its name when it managed to escape the Turks' massive uprooting of trees in order to lay train tracks during the First World War.

Another ancient tree is the jujube (Zisiphus spina-christi -Christ's thom) located beside Ein Tahzeva. This tree has survived an estimated 1,500 years. Now it is in danger of extinction due to a lack of water because water is being pumped at its site and therefore its roots can no longer absorb water from the

KKL-JNF and Israel's Ministry of Agriculture have joined together to save these and other ancient trees. Their project, The Preservation of Trees, will work similarly to the preservation of ancient buildings; ancient trees will be officially declared to be of historic or botanic value warranting preservation.

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Mazai Tov and Yasher Koach to our seven Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrants whose names have been inscribed in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah on the occasion of their recent simcha: Michael Geoffrey Calof by grandparents Ruth & Hy Calof; David Lyle Gaty by parents Cathy Maron & George Gaty; Lorne Zachary Geller by parents Barbara & Howard Geller & sister Erica; Zoey Pearl Katz by grandparents Gita & Jerry Pearl; Lianna Sarah Krantzherg by Hildy & Steve Lesh; Dana Pearl by grandparents Gita & Jery Pearl; Harrison Roth

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Election 2006: meet the candidates **Local Conservative candidates** promise stronger support for Israel

By Barry Fishman

Nepean West Conservative candidate John Baird accuses the Canadian government of "talking a good game at home," but, he says, when it comes to the UN, "they are too quick to support anti-Israel positions."

The Conservatives, he promised, would take a more constructive approach to the State of Israel.

He also believes, "There is not an insignificant level of anti-Israel sentiment at the bureaucratic level in the Department of Foreign Affairs'

Baird was one of five Ottawa-area Conservative candidates running in the federal election who attended a Jewish Federation of Ottawa Communications and Community Relations Committee meeting.

The local Conservative candidates expressed their support for Israel as the only liberal democracy in the Middle East, attacked the Liberal government's record of supporting anti-Israel declarations at the UN, criticized the government's weak response to the murder of Iranian Canadian freelance photographer Kahra Kazemi, the Iranian



Federation CCR Chair Jeff Polowin (second from left) with Conservative candidates (from left to right) Paul Benoit, MP Pierre Poilievre, John Baird, Allan Cutler and Keith Fountain. (OJB Photo: Barry Fishman)

president's call for the destruction of Israel and denial of the Holocaust, promised to work to fight anti-Semitism through education and legislation and praised the Jewish community for the social programs it organizes to support the less fortunate.

The five of six Tory candidates running in Ottawa ridings who attended the meeting included John Baird, Ottawa West Nepean; Keith Fountain, Ottawa

Ottawa South; Paul Benoit, Ottawa Vanier; and Nepean Carleton MP Pierre Poilievre. Royal Galipeau, Ottawa Orleans was unable to attend because of an all candidates meeting taking place in his riding.

Fountain, a veteran Foreign Affairs employee, believes lack of political leadership has adversely affected the bureaucracy.

direction to bureaucrats

Centre; Allan Cutler, when you are all over the map? The Conservative government will be very focused on establishing key priorities. Israel is a democracy we want to support as a priority. This will filter down to the bureaucracy and we will see much less swinging back and forth."

For Cutler, the greatest threat is Iran. "I am absolutely horrified about the statements about geno-"How can you send cide and the Holocaust

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Election 2006: meet the candidates

Liberals: education, zero tolerance key to fighting hate

By Barry Fishman

"Canada is well placed to use its influence in a positive manner for peacekeeping and possibly peacemaking in the Middle East," says Ottawa Orleans MP Marc Godbout.

Godbout would like to proactive in promoting cations and Community

neace and understanding hetween Israelis and the Palestinians. However, he is quick to point out, "If we don't have security, nothing will happen."

Godbout was one of three Liberal candidates attending a meeting with see Canada become more members of the Communi-

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Relations Committee of the Federation.

During a wide ranging discussion, topics included support for Israel, the role of the UN, the Iranian situation, the increase in anti-Semitism in Canada and government immigration and social policy, including the health care system.

Candidates Lee Farnworth, Ottawa West Nepean, and Michael Gaffney, Nepean Carleton. attended the meeting.

Farnworth is pleased that under Paul Martin the government has taken the lead in trying to restructure the UN so fewer frivolous anti-Israel resolutions are passed.

"We are not comfortable with these resolutions."

Michael Gaffney notes that when it comes to the Israel-Arab situation, UN resolutions should "be put forward that are positive and move things forward."

Canada was the first country to condemn the Iran president for calling for the destruction of Israel.

"I was in the House when Prime Minister Martin reacted to the statement. There should be zero tolerance for these kinds of declarations. specifically towards the Jewish community," declares Godbout. "I am still concerned about the



Federation CCR Chair Jeff Polowin (second from left) with Liberal candidates (from left to right) MP Marc Godbout, Michael Gaffney and Lee Farnworth.

(OJB Photo: Barry Fishman)

UN capacity to do something about it."

He says the UN is too slow with dealing with issues before they get out of control. He is hoping that Canada can play a role in moving the UN and our European and American allies on the Iranian situation - specifically their nuclear program.

The sharp rise in anti-Semitism in Canada is of concern to the Liberal candidates. Farnworth suggests the police be given more power to fight hate crimes.

"There should be zero tolerance for hate," adds

Godbout readily admits he is shocked by the firebombing and defacing of Jewish graveyards, synagogues and homes.

'Canada must deal with the situation. The time for action is now," he says. "I don't want to talk about it; I want to do something.

Godbout would like to see the courts make better use of existing hate laws when prosecuting offenders.

The candidates are all former educators and naturally, believe education plays an important role in fighting anti-Semitism and hatred. At an early age, they say, the education system should teach children that hatred against any group is wrong.

Gaffney, a strong sup-

porter of the Charter of Rights, believes along with our rights comes responsibilities. He would like to see this stressed more in our education system and in courses for new immigrants

Farnworth agrees. The education system and courses for new immigrants should highlight our Canadian value of respect for all ethnic groups and the responsibilities of being a citizen, she says.

"One of the things that I am very encouraged about is how proactive the Jewish community of Ottawa has been in establishing dialogue with the Muslim

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New Democratic Party reaches out to the community

By Barry Fishman

When asked about the strained relationship between the Jewish community and the NDP and its allies in the labour movement, Paul Dewar was remarkably optimistic.

"I see, and I hope there is, reconciliation that is on going ... My roots and background are well known, so judge me by my actions. I speak out if I disagree with what members of my party say," the Ottawa Centre NDP candidate told the Bulletin following a meeting with members of the Federation's Communications and Community Relations Com

Marlene Rivier, an active member of the Ottawa Jewish community and NDP candidate for Ottawa West Nepean

"It is very important for Jews not to feel disillusioned and abandon these important institutions, but to remain there and continue the dialogue. And to know that, even among people whose views may not be very balanced, there may be goodwill there that we can build on to move them to more of a balanced

Dewar believes a good

example of reconciliation is the partnership between the Canadian Labour Congress and the Ottawa Jewish community in sponsoring the Hana's Suitcase event during Holocaust Education Week.

The event was attended by thousands of Ottawa school children and featured the author of the book. Karen Levine: Hana's brother, George Brady, who survived the Holocaust; and Fumiko Ishioka, curator of the Tokyo Holocaust Centre. Dewar was one of the orga-

"The ripple effect of Hana's Suitcase was wonderful. Regardless of what happens, I will continue working on that."

If he is elected, he says, "I would absolutely love" to visit Israel as part of the Canada Israel Committee Parliamentary Mission to

Dewar and Rivier are two of the five NDP candidates who met with members of the committee. Other candidates included Ric Dagenais, Ottawa Vanier; Henri Sader. Ottawa South; and Laurel Gibbons, Nepean Carleton.

Gibbons believes the anti-Israel resolutions continuously being passeo by

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Federation CCR Chair Jeff Polowin (second from left) with New Democratic Party candidates (from left to right) Henri Sader, Marlene Rivier, Paul Dewar, Ric Dagenais and Laurel Gibbons. (OJB Photo: Barry Fishman) to cherry pick reforms that

will expand their power

When it comes to anti-

Semitism and hate crimes

base," says Rivier.

the General Assembly is a symptom of how the "UN has lost its way.'

"It shouldn't be in the business of turning Israel into the scapegoat," adds

candidates agreed the UN is an important institution that must be reformed and invigorated.

It is important for Canada to help push the process forward to help reform the UN and "not allow nations

institutions that have been attacked over the last four For Sader, "anything

protect "schools and other

that defies the Charter should be punished severely. It has to be part of the education system. People have to be aware that a country like Canada can only exist if we respect the Charter and human rights."

The candidates see education and helping new immigrants into the main stream as a way to demonstrate our shared Canadian values and to combat anti-Semitism and hate.

"You have to start young," notes Gibbons.

Dewar agrees, saying the preventive model is the way to go. This could include getting youth working together and a media campaign.

Unfortunately, like the situation in France, too many countries wait until there is a crisis before

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erance is the only solution,

the candidates say. In fact,

says Dagenais, hate legisla-

tion should be extended to

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Course explores time as viewed through the lens of Kabbalah

We live in an age obsessed with time.

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Time exists on two levels. There is the relentless measurement of moments: seconds, minutes, hours. And then there is the Kabbalah of time, where larger patterns of meaning emerge, creating order and direction.

Timed to coincide with the beginning of the New Year, *The Kabbalah of Time*, a groundbreaking and innovative educational initiative, will premiere in more than 160 locations worldwide.

Starting on February 7, 2006, 8:00 pm, at the Soloway JCC, 21 Nadolny Sacbs Private, The Kabbalah of Time will run in Ottawa for eight consecutive weeks and is expected to draw more than 50 local students to its dynamic text-based and multi-media enhanced classes.

Led by Rabbi Menachem M. Blum of the Ottawa Torah Center Chabad (OTC), the Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) class, The Kabbalah of Time is designed as an eightweek course of thoughtful inquiry that will embrace students with a different notion of couoting the days of their lives. Learning from ancient texts of Jewish mysticism, students will learn to respond to the inherent flow of time

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JLI's classes and programs have been attended by nearly 35,000 people since its creation in 1998, and hundreds of thousands of others participate virtually through JLI's online message boards and other internet-based channels.

Visit www.mvjli.com for up-to-the-minute information about The Kabbalah of Time. Registration can be done on the website or by calling 823-0866.

Hillel Academy students learn importance of helping others

By Diane Koven

The students at Hillel Academy recently presented a very big cheque – both literally and figuratively – to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

The sum of \$6,100.00 represented a portion of the funds raised by sponsoring their Director of Education Rabbi Boruch Perton, and some of the students' parents and other family members in the National Capital Marathon. The balance of the funds were allocated to scholarshin aid for Hillel students.

Each year, the school has a fundraising activity to raise money for the "little extras" that enhance the learning experience. Hillel parent Evie Miller was chair of the 2005 fundraising event and decided to do something a little different – something that would teach the students that there are other, and often greater, needs than their own.

"Rabbi Perton said he would run in the National Capital Marathon and everyone could sponsor him," she

They decided to allocate a portion of the money raised to a charity outside the Jewish community, and chose the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation as the recipient.

"The run was called "Running for Tikkun Olam" and we spent a lot of time teaching the kids. We held assemblies, brought in a speaker, a breast cancer survivor, who told them what breast cancer is and why it is important to give money ... I thought it was a great teaching tool to teach the kids to look outside the Jewish community," said Miller.

The students prepared for the race itself by putting together special gift bags for the runners. The entire school wore specially made teeshirts; and biographies of the runners were displayed around the school.

When all was said and done, the students were able to donate over \$6,000 to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. A special ceremony was held at the school



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on December 5, 2005 to present the gift to Dr. Shail Verma, a breast cancer surgeon and member of the board of directors of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

"I believe that this is one of the most important things that any of us can learn here at Hillel Academy," said Rabbi Perton in addressing the students.

"Tikkun Olam means repairing the world and so, while Jewisb causes and things that happen to the Jewish community are very important and we need to take care of Jewish people in Canada and in Israel, Tikkun Olam teaches us that we can never forget about the rest of the world. Just the opposite we all need to think about other people, whether they are Jewish or whether they are not Jewish, because we care about everyone."

Dr. Verma told the stu-

dents a bit about his work with breast cancer patients and with the Foundation and thanked them for their generosity.

"Thank you from everyone who is involved in looking after people who get sick and people who get sick with eancer," he said.

While the donation had already been sent to the Foundation, the large "cheque" was to be displayed in the lobby at Hillel Academy. Dr. Verma asked that it then be sent to the Cancer Centre so that he could arrange to have it displayed there as well.

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Canadian feminist hero writes a book

By Sharon Abron Drache

One of Canada's leading feminists, Helen Levine, was unconsciously groomed for her life's passion by her Jewish parents.

In 1989, Levine received the Governor General's Award in commemoration of the Person's Case for advancing the equality of women in Canada. She was a pioneer of Women's Studies at Carleton University from 1974 until 1988 when she retired, and before that, she worked as a caseworker in Ottawa and Toronto

This handsome woman, with a generous mane of white hair cropped close to her face and barely a wrinkle, does not rest on her laurels. Recently retired from freelance feminist counselling. she realized that in addition to her current "women's group" commitments, what she likes to do best is "write."

Thus, her literary project was born: Between Friends, AYyear in Letters, published by Second Story Press.

She and Oonagh Berry, also a retired social worker, committed themselves to writing letters every two weeks throughout 2001. The rules were: longhand, pen and ink, plus mailing or hand delivering the missives.

The result is a wondrously frank, feminist manifesto.

At ages 67 and 82 respectively, Berry and Levine have shared many roles as healers, mothers, grandmothers, wives and, most important, friends of other women, and men, too!

They bring their joys, sorrows, blessings and unresolved issues to the correspondence, which Levine repeatedly nicknames: the

While there are many themes in the CP, the under-



pinning, picked up by both women, is their concern for every individual's right, male and female, to have a dream. usually developed in adoles-

Levine writes, "My view of most women's lives is that our dreams do get trampled on, very early and often very cruelly.

This did not happen to Levine. She claims her parents, Rebecca and Isaac Zivian, were "rebels" in the Jewish community of the 1930s and 40s, living in and on the fringes of the Glebe.

"I went to Mutchmor, Glashan and Glebe, and now my two Ottawa grandchildren have gone to Mutchmor," Glashan and Glebe," she beams, a grin that anticipates how these teenagers will surprise her by following their respective dreams.

Rebecca Zivian did not cater to her spouse, a purchasing officer in the RCMP. Although the family belonged to the King Edward Street Shul and kept kosher, they rarely attended services or celebrated Jewish holidays.

"My father doted on me. He was an Anglophone who walked around the house spouting Keats, while my mother recited: 'Men men. humbugging men, they're irresponsible nine out of ten.'

'My mother went back to school after her third child was born. She attended St. Patrick's College and, over a period of 10 years, received her Bachelor of Arts degree. She was admired by some and criticized by others who felt she was not a proper wife and mother, but she loved learning.

"I am quite like her. My mother resisted being the balabusta - that was not her style. She was an informal community organizer, developing the first Ottawa Jewish Girl Guide troop, and then she started a Jewish women's bowling league, which she named after herself."

for encouraging camping dian feminist hero.

trips for her and her girlfriends, with canoes rented from nearby Dow's Lake.

Rebecca saw to it that her three children attended Sunday school, but she decided that Talmud Torah three times a week was too much, so she began an informal class at First Avenue Public School for her own and other children.

Levine still appreciates such a religious connection, which she finds at the Reconstructionist Havurah, where she attends with her two Ottawa grandchildren and daughter, Tamara. Her other daughter, Karen, is the author of Hana's Suitcase.

For 59 years, Helen has been married to Gilbert Levine who describes himself in the CP as a "tennisplaying retiree." Gil worked as the national research director of CUPE for 35 years. According to daughter Karen, "he is low maintenance, happy to grandchildsit, cook, and do joe-jobs."

And he adores being the husband of the Canadian woman who has so magnanimously weathered the halcyon days of the Canadian feminist movement.

For those readers who also like movies, Motherland: Tales of Wonder, directed by Helen Klodawsky of the National Film Board in 1994, further highlights Levine's contribution as a Canadian feminist.

When you read Between Friends, A Year in Letters, and see the movie, you will agree. Helen Levine is Levine credits her mother undoubtedly a Jewish Cana-

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Cantor Daniel Bentolo reads the Ketubah (marriage contract) to Alicia and Evan during their marriage ceremony at Beth Shalom, Havana.

Havana synagogue holds first wedding in 20 years

By Danny Strong

I've gone to many weddings. Something about this one was way out in left field (no political pun intended).

In the days leading up to it, there was a fun conversation I had many times.

Me: I'm going to a wedding next week

Them: where? Me: Beth Shalom.

Them: Benlolo's Beth Shalom?

Me: Not quite, but he's coming with us because the shul has no clergy. Beth Shalom . . . in Havana.

My good friend Evan Green and his now wife Alicia decided to blend their love of Jewish tradition with a sunny destination, creating an unforgettable experience.

I am unable to recall the last time anyone I know had over 70 people show up at their destination wedding.

You could imagine the amount of singing, with Cantor Daniel Benlolo present, but he was not the only one singing into that microphone. Evan, being a multilingual international development consultant, had no problem singing Yerushalayim Shel Zahav as his kallah walked down the aisle. Later, at the reception in Varadero, he sang to his wife in Spanish, moving all the resort staff to

But why Cuba? Why Beth Shalom Havana?

When travelling to remote

to seek out and reach out to local Jewish communities. He has brought siddurs, kippahs and even torahs to Nigeria, Eastern Europe and other far away places with Jewish com-

Evan and Alicia had visited Cuba before. They love the people, the country, the music and culture. They wanted to get married at a synagogue in a Spanish-speaking Caribbean country. And not just get married, but create a relationship with the community.

After falling in love with the shul on the Internet, it seemed like the ideal place to have the simcha. After meeting with Jose Miller, head of the Cuban Jewish community by phone, they began to make arrangements. After lots of phone calls and negotiation in Spanish, they were able to make their dream a reality.

Making wedding arrangements in your own city is hard enough - in Cuba, just imagine. The community representatives thought they were crazy, as if anyone would want to get married at their shul. Jose Miller told us there has not been a wedding at the shal in over 20 years.

The Beth Shalom Havana is a Conservative shul built in 1953. After years of despair, the American Joint Distribution Committee began to reach out to the Cuban community in 1992 and, today, several synagogues and religious schools have been restored and rebuilt.

In the 1920s, Cuba's Jewish community numbered about 24,000. Today, tabout 1,400 remain. Most of them are very assimilated, and Jewish identity is hanging by a

When the busses pulled up and all the guests arrived at the wedding it was a mitzvah.

Eric Abrams, vice-president of Hillel Montreal, and a cousin of Evan, works with ORT the international Jewish humanitarian organization

Before we departed Dorval Airport he distributed three large suitcases full of Chanukah candles, medicine, siddurs and colouring books for the guests to give out to the Jews of Cuba

It just so happened while in Havana, Cantor Benlolo bumped into an old classmate who is now Nicaragua's ambassador to Cuba.

A week after the wedding, one of the ambassador's friends was visiting Ottawa and Cantor Benfolo sept him back to Cuba with Chanukah decorations. I'm sure there was a lot more light in Havana this past Chanukah.

For more information about the Jewish community in Cuba, visit jewishcuba.org or e-mail Evan Green at evan.green@baastel.ca. He would be glad to share his personal insight in international Jewish outreach.

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NDP reaches out to community

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reacting to hatred, Sader believes.

If new immigrants are going to understand and believe in our shared values, then we must meet them half way, says

He would like to see the government make sure there are enough resources to help them begin their life in Canada. Language skills and training are so very important. He would also like to see the community become more involved - similar to the project that helped the Vietnamese boat people.

For Rivier, it is imperative that new immigrants not be marginalized. "What we have

witnessed is a withdrawal of support for immigrant families." She says a recent study in Toronto showed 52 per cent of immigrants who are using food banks in Toronto have a college education and foreign experience that is not recognized in Canada.

"We shouldn't be surprised when they become angry and disaffected and sometimes nurture their prejudice," she affirms.

And yet, despite the problems, says, Dewar, Canada is the great experiment that has worked.

"When you look at how many different cultures live here, when you look at our history, you see we are the model for the rest of the world."

Liberal zero tolerance for hate

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community," she says. "It is an example, of how people are learning to live together and understanding each other."

On the healthcare issue, Godbout urges the community to have a look at the Liberal platform. He says it is a comprehensive 10year plan and is pleased that the provincial government has agreed on healthcare benchmarks. The government, he notes, is improving the system by putting \$100 million into the accreditation process for foreign trained doctors and nurses.

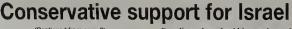
We have 5,000 doctors in Ontario qualified with foreign credentials who cannot practise in Ontario, yet we don't have enough general practitioners in Orleans!"

Farnworth notes that the Jewish community has been very successful in offering social support for its members.

"The Jewish campus is a model for other groups in the community. We have to do more of that," she says.

Putting money into affordable housing, daycare and poverty reduction programs are important issues for the candidates.

Currently, there are 636,000 subsidized homes in Canada, says Gaffney. "That is a very positive thing. If you don't have roof over your head, and/or are living in poverty, that is where anger, crime and all the res



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coming out of Iran. They are a greater threat than [what is going on in] Palcstine."

He noted that many Iranians he meets canvassing cannot understand why the Canadian government has been so inactive on this file.

All the candidates believe Canada should use its influence with the Europeans, Americans and the UN to work on neutralizing Iran before it becomes a nuclear power.

Although he agrees people who commit hate "should serve serious jail time" and wholeheartedly supports anti-hate legislation, Poilievre says we must do more.

There must be a complete public intolerance for anti-Semitism. We must stigmatize anti-Semitism so it is seen as a weird way of thinking that is unusual and not part of main stream in any way?

And when anti-Semitism does occur, we must recognize it for what it is, he says. The burning of the Talmud Torah Academy School in Montreal, he believes, was a terrorist attack

"The government should have taken a much stronger public response against that attack on our values and our people. It needs the strongest possible language to condemn it and we need a full frontal attack against the idea of hatred and anti-Semi-

Canadian values should be taught to all new immigrants coming to Canada, Baird added.

One of those core Canadian values is that "it is not OK to single out individual groups for persecution," says Poilievre.

We must all stand up to hatred and anti-Semitism. After all, says Benoit, in a multicultural society, it is acceptable to "pass judgment on an opinion, but not on where you come from."

For the Conservatives, private delivery of health care plays an important role, provided it is paid for by the government.

"You pay with your OHIP card, not with your credit card. There is nothing wrong with that," notes Baird.

The Conservatives would also fund programs so foreign trained doctors and nurses would be able to practise in Canada.

The Conservative government will make sure the social programs work well and the programs will be designed to be "a hand up, not just a hand out," says Baird.

The Conservative party is well aware that not all of us are in the position to take personal responsibility and the government must help those unable to help themselves.

Baird believes society must do its part and is impressed with how the institutions and people using the Jewish community campus function in promoting the values of helping others.



Carol Kassel, vice president of planned giving and endowments for the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and Jeffrey Miller, at the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation's planned giving seminar held in December.

Leave a legacy to OJCF

Carol Kassel, vice president of planned giving and endowments for the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, was the keynote speaker for the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation's planned giving seminar held on December 14 at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building.

Kasssel's message was if you care and support your community during your lifetime, there are many easy ways you can continue your support after you are gone. The biggest challenge, she says, is broaching the topic with family and loved

Adult children may not understand their parents' commitment and may try to sway their decision. However, as Kassell points out, many donors are making the decision to leave a legacy so that their families will remember them through their giving. This is how values are transferred from one generation to

For more information on bequest planning and how you can leave a legacy and help fortify your community, contact Francine Paulin (798-4696, ext 252 or fpaulin@jewishottawa.com).

Israel's choices:

The impact of elections on the peace process

The political landscape in the Middle East seethes with unprecedented fluidity and uncertainty. The elections on both sides and the realignment of Israel's political leadership present a situation that is extremely difficult to read.

What are the implications of these and other factors for an already complicated peace process?

In an extremely timely analysis, the SJCC and Peace Now will be co-sponsoring an assessment by Dr. Mira Sucharov, of Carleton's political science department, on these new developments in the ever-shifting political scene in Israel, and their impact on prospects for peace.

Dr. Sucharov is assistant professor of political science. She holds a PhD in govemment from Georgetown University, an MA in political science from the University of Toronto, and a BA in Middle East studies



Mira Sucharov

Her specialties include Israeli foreign policy and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and peace process, and she has recently published, The International Self: Psychoanalysis and the Search for Israeli-Palestinian Peace (Albany: SUNY Press,

She has taught at Georgetown University and for the University

of South Carolina's Washington Semester Program, and, in 1999-2000, was a visiting fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Truman Institute.

At Carleton, Prof. Sucharov teaches courses on international relations and IR theory, Israeli-Palestinian relations and foreign policy analysis, and is a 2004 recipient of the University teaching achievement award.

The lecture takes place at the SJCC, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Wednesday, February 1 at 7:30 pm.



(From left to right) Dr. Norman Barwin, president CICF; Prof. Tzvi Avni; and Ruth and Arnon Miller.

CICF offers music prize

The Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation (CICF) recently announced that Ruth and Arnon Miller have established a special prize for music composition in honour and memory of their dear friend Chana Yador Avni

Avni was a well known Israeli journalist, translator, author and art and culture critic whose work appeared in Ma'ariv and other papers and magazines in Israel.

Thanks to the Millers, CICF will award three prizes in music composition to promising and outstanding composers in Israel.

The prizes will be awarded after a competition and the winners will be chosen by Professor Tzvi Avni, an Israeli composer of distinction and recipient of the Israel Prize for Music and the German Prize for lifetime achievement in music and com-

The mission of CICF is to promote Israeli music, art and culture to Canadians and viceversa, CICF Ottawa has a number of scholarships enabling talented young musicians and artists to perform in Canada.



Ron Ozani, Ottawa's new NCSY outreach professional (OJB photo: Barry Fishman)

NCSY expands in Ottawa

Ron Ozani has been hired as a full-time NCSY outreach professional in Ottawa. Ozani brings with him years of volunteer experience working as a chaperone on NCSY educational programs in Canada and the United States and on NCSY summer programs in Europe and Israel.

He will be helping to lead and expand Jewish Culture Clubs at

public high schools across Ottawa and will also be focusing on programming for Jewish students in

Ozani is excited about joining the NCSY Ottawa family and he looks forward to sharing his energy and taients with the Jewish teens of Ottawa. For more information about NCSY, visit www.ncsvottawa.com,



David Mitchell, Evelyn Greenberg and Tu Mach are all smiles at the launch of the Evelyn Greenberg Music Endowment at the University of Ottawa.

uOttawa establishes endowment in honour of Evelyn Greenberg

The department of music at and around the world. uOttawa announced the establishment of an endowed fund that will enhance its inventory of instruments in perpetuity.

The Evelyn Greenberg Music Endowment will provide the department of music with a sustainable source of income to maintain, renew and purchase instruments, and will be integral to the training of future professional musicians who will perform in professional orchestras in Canada

Over 150 family and friends of Evelyn Greenberg attended the launch. Speakers included, David Mitchell, vice-president university relations; Myrna Barwin, key fundraising committee member; Lori Burns, associate dean, research faculty of arts; Tu Mach, department of music alumni and student of Greenberg; and Master of Ceremonies Stéphane Lemelin, chair, department of music.

Greenberg has spent 23 years

with the music department at the University of Ottawa. She was the founding president of the National Arts Centre Orchestra Association and has been active with the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation.

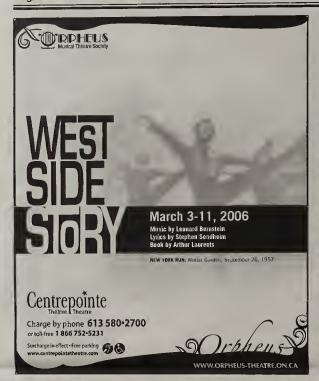
She has touched the lives of thousands of students and continues to inspire by example, fostering a passion for arts and education.

In recognition of her outstanding commitment to the University of Ottawa, Greenberg was recently awarded an honourary doctorate.



Hillel Lodge tea honours the late Thelma Steinman

(From left to right) Tea Co-cheirs Lois Elsen and Roz Fremeth and Hillel Lodge Auxillary President Naomi Lipsky Cracower with Stan Goldberg, Gail Victor, Stephen Victor, Adele Tate, Goldle Cantor and Elleen Goldberg, all family of the late Thelma Steinman, at the tea honouring Steinman's tremendous contribution to the Lodge.





Ottawa teen wins national book review contest

By Tania Haas

An Ottawa teenager has won a coveted position on a book review panel for Indigo Books & Music Inc., Canada's largest book retailer. Adam Moscoe, 14, beat out thousands of entrants from across the country to sit on Indigo's Junior Advisory Board.

Adam will join four other teenagers from Halifax, Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria as a Junior Booklover, a position that requires the teen to recommend books and write reviews before the books hit the shelves.

"This has been an amazing experience," says Moscoe. "I pretty much represent teen readers in Canada. I receive advanced copies of books, read and review the titles. Since publishers are biased in their reviews, Indigo needs objective opinions – and that's what I provide;"

The reviewers are rewarded not with a paycheque, but with prizes, including: a \$1,000 giftcard from Indigo; a trip for two to Toronto including airfare and hotel accommodation; and an Apple iPod mini. Also, Adam donated \$500 to the library at The Ottawa School of Speech and Drama, which has about 400 students in afterschool, evening, weekends and pre-professional programs.

Amanda Lewis, the school's artistic director, was surprised by the gift, courtesy of Indigo's Love of Reading Fund.

"When Adam told me about the donation, I was really honoured that he came to us. He was allowed to give it to any school, but he feels that he has a home here, and we are very, very grateful."

Lewis says the money will be used to fill some of the holes in the library, which specializes in theatre books and materials for the instructors and senior students. They will likely buy



Adam Moscoe

monologues, scenes and information about teaching methods.

Adam's parents are also enjoying their son's recent celebrity.

"The experience has helped to rekindle the love of reading by all members of the family," notes father Aaron Moscoe.

"Around Rosh Hashanah, we were told he was one of 10 finalists," says mother Margie Moscoe. "All the contest winners were invited to Toronto, and our whole family made the trip. He was on Breakfast Television (CityTV), The National Post interviewed him and he attended a media event at the Indigo Eaton Centre store with Heather Reisman."

Reisman is the CEO and Chief Booklover for Indigo Books & Music Inc.

"Having the opportunity to meet with such articulate and endearing youth when we launched this program last year was inspiring, and meeting the next batch of young booklovers is just as exciting!" says Reisman.

Contrary to popular opinion, Reisman reports that kids are in fact reading more not less, as Indigo's kids' category sales have double digit increases year after year.

Recently, Adam worked at an Ottawa Chapters and assisted shoppers with their book choices, especially for the teenagers on their holiday gift lists. Adam recommends *The King in the Window* by Adam Gopnik. An excerpt from his online review describes why he likes this beak.

"Join Oliver on his suspenseful adventure, which is a voyage of self-discovery as much as it is a trilling four of beautiful Paris. Anyone intrigued by French history will be dazeled by the many hints of "Le Grand Siècle" and twisted views of landmarks such as the Louvre, the Palace of Versailles and, of course, the Eiffel Tower.

"Advice and crucial riddles from Nostradamus add mystery, while the incorporation of Lewis Carroll's Through the Looking Glass spices up the book with a Da Vinci Code-like

Adam's other picks include *The Life of Pi, No Logo* by Naomi Klein and anything by Bill Bryson.

What about the teen obsessed with video games?

"Parents should drag their kids to Chapters and get lost there. Look in the teen section and beyond. There is so much variety, something for everyone even video game fanatics. There is more to reading than just Harry Potter," says Adam.

Adam, who bears a stiple resemblance to Harry stiple the with his glasses and inquisitive manner, has thoroughly enjoyed the Junior Booklover experience, and is looking forward to being an emeritus adviser after this position is over

Will Adam be the next Heather Reisman? Quite possibly, given his drive and passion for books. But let's wait until he finishes high sehool first.,

The third annual Junior Booklover contest will launch in the summer of 2006.

Visit www.chapters. indigo.ca/juniorbooklover for the most up-to-date information.



Co-sponsored by OTC and Chabad Centrepointe, Chanukah Magic was attended by close to 500 people at Ben Franklin Place on December 28. Magician Chris Piklsworth (right) entertains some of the fascinated children.

Chabad remembers Rebbe

Rabbi Mosbe New, spiri-Torah Center, one of the largest and most active outreacb centres in North America, will be the guest lecturer at a Chabad of Greater the globe, establish Chabad Ottawa event.

Rabbi New is a powerful and dynamic speaker wbo lectures frequently throughout Canada and the United States. He gives a highly acclaimed class on Jewish mysticism that attracts nearly 300 people weekly.

The event commemorates the 10th day of the Hebrew month of Shvat marking 56

focus on the Rebbe's unique tual leader of the Montreal style of leadership. He will analyze the Rebbe's remarkable ability to inspire thousands of his followers to settle in distant locales around centres and have a positive impact on both the physical and spiritual lives of those they encounter.

The rabbi will explain why prominent Jewish communal leaders and senior politicians were so impressed with the Rebbe. Personalities such as Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik OBM, Rabbi Y. Lau, Rabbi Dr. Jonathon lude will feature a group of Ottawa's finest musicians leading the audience in both stirring and lively Chassidic

Hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served.

The event will take place in the social hall of the Young Israel of Ottawa, 627 Kirkwood Avenue, at 8:00 pm on Monday, February 6.

Chabad of Greater Ottawa includes all of Ottawa's Chabad institutions such as Chabad of Centrepointe, Cheder Rambam, the Jewish Youth Library, Nshei Chabad, Ottawa Torah Center and Yeshivas Ateres Men-

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Lawrence is an ex-Montreal who moved to Ottawa. Joining the Board of the Soloway JCC was his first significant involvement in the Jewish Community.

Lawrence was Involved in drafting the current by-laws of the Soloway JCC. During his time on the board, he participated on the building committee, finance committee, the strategic planning task torce, the programming committee and the revenue development committee.

Lawrence's Involvement in the community also included participation in the organizing committee for the Canadian Jewish Congress annual meeting held in Ottawa in early 2005.

Outside the Jewish Community, Lawrence has served on the Board of the Ottawa-Carleton Board of Trade, the Canadian Tulip Festival, Habitat for Humanity, National Capital Region and Canadian Mothercraft of Ottawa-Carleton.

Lawrence has participated as a board member and officer of the Canadian Council of Jewish Community Centres. He was a delegate to 3 Biennial conterences of the Jewish Community Centres of North America and participated in several leadership conferences organized by the Soloway JCC. Lawrence has met numerous volunteers in the course of his participation in Canada and the United States and teels that it is the interaction and dialogue with this large group of people that has stimulated his community mindedness and the need to "give something back".

In his protessional life, Lawrence is a lawyer practicing business law with Kelly, Santini. He teaches Real Property Law for the Ontario Real Estate Association and is a member of the Ottawa Estate Planning Council, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and the Canadian Association of Family Enterprises

He has been married for 22 years to Shari and has 2 children, Erin 1S and Zachary 12.

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ASHER FARBER is a Grade 12 student at Sir Robert Borden High School and is a graduate of Hillel Academy. He is a talented musician who plays both the tenor and alto saxophone, the oboe and the piano. He has competed and placed first in city-wide piano competitions. He is also a member of the Jewish Klezmer band that has played at the Soloway JCC and other community-wide events.

In high school, Asher has been an active member of the band and he is also currently the Treasurer of the SIr Robert Borden High School Students' Council.

Within the Jewish community, Asher helps read from the Torah at Agudath Israel and attends a weekly Talmud class at the SolowayJCC. He is one of 19 students from Ottawa participating in the 2006 March of the Living.

Asher has also joined the NCSY Student Cabinet and has been helping to organize social and educational programs across Ottawa for Jewish teens.

JENNIFER HADAD is in Grade 11 at Sir Robert Borden High School and is a graduate of Hillel Academy. Jen is a very capable, intelligent, and warm person who is truly dedicated to the Jewish community and her triends and tamily.

In high school, Jen plays on the water-polo and rugby teams. This requires a strong time commitment and an ability to balance school-work with extra-curricular activities.

Jen has been active in NCSY this year helping to plan educational and social programs across Otlawa for Jewish teens. She is active in BBYO and currently serves on her Chapter Executive, planning the programs and eyents

JEN AND ASHER were equal partners in establishing the Jewish Culture Club at Sir Robert Borden High School. The students, with the assistance of NCSY, had been trying to setup a Jewish Culture Club at SRB since September 2004. Jen started helping more actively with the Jewish Culture Club at the beginning of this school year and has made it her priority since then. Towards the end of the 2004-2005 school year, a Jewish Culture Club was started at Asher's home until one could take place at the school. The Jewish Culture Club formally started at SRB on December 6, 2005. Jen and Asher have also been at the forefront of promoting the club to other students and have lead Jewish discussions with their fellow students.

Both, Asher and Jen exemplify Jewish leadership and their involvement serves as an example to other Jewish teenagers. \cdot

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A reality column by two 24-year-old Jewish guys

Meet Paul Telner and Byron Pascoe. We're two 24year-old Jewish guys, born and raised in Ottawa and part of the Jewish community our whole lives.

Hebrew school was an interesting place. Anyone who went from our generation knows just how odd it is. Going from public school to Hebrew school, we were the only kids who would carry around two school bags!

Paul's public school teacher told his class that he celebrated Chanukah, as opposed to Christmas. She said it as if Paul had just fallen from the sky in a giant spaceship and landed in class. It was comedic, eye opening and odd.

Since Byron went to Hillel, pretty much the only non-Jews he knew that existed were on his street or TV. Growing up, all of our non-Jewish friends would be so envious that we got eight days for Chanukah, which means eight gifts!

Although Chanukah is definitely the best holiday, it's time to set the record straight. Some people received eight gifts, one each night. We didn't. We got gifts on the first few days, but come day five to eight, the gifts started to get just plain odd. By day seven, your parents start wrapping up stuff you already own!

"Oh look, the lamp!"

"Wow, my glasses! I was wondering where they were hiding!"

"I don't know how you wrapped up Bubbie so well. I guess because she is so short you didn't need that much wrapping paper!"

All our non-Jewish friends had dogs. Not us.



Have a Knish

Paul Telner

> **Byron Pascoe**



However, we did have lox For the longest time, Paul thought he owned a pet named Lox. He was never allowed to walk it or pat it on the head, but was allowed to apply large amounts of cream cheese to it and put it on a bagel. Lox is better then a pet. It's like American Express - accepted everywhere.

We always loved Bar Mitzvahs. They were fantastic. Your Bar Mitzvah is a great way to see how much money you can get from your guests so you don't have to get a job as a teenager. You can live off it at least for a few good years.

Even attending a Bar Mitzvah is a fantastic experience. All the food you can eat, and you get to throw candy at the Bar Mitzvah boy. (It really helps if you don't like him.)

What is it with throwing candy? Isn't that dangerous? It seems a little violent; it's like we're attending 50 Cent's Bar Mitzvah. The theme of any 13-year-old Jewish boy's Bar Mitzvah is "get rich or die trying," so maybe it does make sense.

We also love the Jewish directory. Can we thank whoever created this thing? When you are 17, have a

crush on the girl sitting in front of you in Hebrew school and are too afraid to ask for their number ... you grab the directory! It was created by Jewish mothers! It's the "little black book" for Jewish teenagers. In ours, all the girls we liked growing up are highlighted, along with Rideau Bakery and catering services.

This column is a way for us to express some of the thoughts young Jewish people think about but never say. Or maybe it's just us with these thoughts.

We are two simple Jewish fellers who enjoy a good smoked meat sandwich and knish at Nate's, look around for Jewish girls to hang out with, and who have already had a tour of our future rooms at Hillel Lodge. Our parents gave us Lodge gift certificates for Chanukah. Maybe the gift was so we would actually leave home? So sit back, enjoy your-

self, don't take us too scriously and catch a slice of life from two Jewish guys trying to get around in this commu-

The first topic we are covering is the Soloway JCC. Tune in next edition for our thoughts!

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Citrus perfect antidote for the winter blahs

My ideal winter sport is hibernation. Not being one to embrace the cold weather, I need something other than skiing, skating and snowboarding to get me through the long Ottawa winter.

Food usually does the trick. In January, I try to eat bright, flavourful foods to cheer me up. Citrus is the perfect antidote to dark snowy days. Oranges, lemons and grapefruits are at their prime in the winter.

l came across the first recipe in December, while lying in bed coughing and sneezing. I was flipping through the channels and came across chef Michael Chiarello on the Food Network, making Frozen Ruby Reds. This is basically a grapefruit slush with lemon vodka poured over the top. It was just the thing to anesthetize my raw, sore throat. I highly recommend them.

The second recipe is for Lemon Chicken. Most lemon chicken recipes begin with marinating the chicken in some type of lemon marinade. I find that, by the time you marinate and cook the chicken, the bright fresh flavour you expect from lemon all but disappears. I came across an interesting method, several years ago, in Cook's Magazine, whereby the chicken is dunked in a quick lemon sauce after This recipe is courtesy of my friend Margo Silverman, who cooking. This method ensures that the lemon flavour is very prominent.

Both orange juice and orange zest contribute to the wonderful flavours in the Wild Rice and Dried Cranberry Salad.



served it as part of a wonderful Shabbat dinner in December. Please let her know if you enjoy it, as she hates it when I put recipes in my column she already has. Sorry Margo, but this is one everyone should know about.

Frozen Ruby Reds

Serves 4

The original recipe called for plain red grapefruit juice, but I found the final drink to be a bit too tart for me, so I recommend using red grapefruit cocktail juice, which has some added sugar.

4 cups ruby red grapefruit cocktail juice 1/2 cup lemon vodka Mint sprigs, for garnish

Pour grapefruit juice into a 9 x 12 inch glass baking pan. Place in freezer. Freeze for 6 to 7 hours, or until almost solid, but still somewhat slushy.

While juice is freezing, rake with a fork, every hour or so, to develop large, snow cone-like crystals.

To serve, use an ice cream scoop and scoop slush into 4 martini glasses. Pour 1 ounce of lemon vodka over each ball.

Garnish with mint and serve.

Margo's Wild Rice and Dried Cranberry Salad

You can use all wild rice or a combination of wild and white rice. President's Choice makes a nice blend called "Texmati Royal Blend Basmati Rice."

- 1 1/2 cups President's Choice Texmati Royal Blend Basmati Rice
- 2 1/4 cups water, vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries or dried cherries
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1/2 cup finely diced shallots (about 3 large shallots)
- 1/2 cup finely chopped Italian flat leaf parsley
- I tablespoon orange zest
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup toasted pine nuts
- salt and pepper

Combine rice, liquid and salt in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and cover. Simmer for 15 minutes. Turn off heat and let sit for an additional 10 minutes, without lifting lid. Transfer rice to a large baking sheet to allow it to cool quickly.

While rice is cooking, add cranberries, raisins, shallots, parsley and orange zest to a large mixing bowl. Whisk together orange juice, cider vinegar and olive oil in a small jar and set aside.

When rice is somewhat cool, transfer to mixing bowl and combine with other ingredients. Shake dressing in jar and add about 1/3 cup dressing to salad. Mix well. Taste for seasoning and add salt and pepper as needed. Add more dressing if you like. Any extra dressing keeps well in the fridge for a week. Just before serving, sprinkle pine nuts over the top.

Lemon Chicken

This is a great dish for entertaining, as it tastes wonderful warm or at room temperature. This recipe can be doubled or tripled easily to feed a crowd.

Serves 4

- I large chicken, cut up into 8 pieces salt and pepper, for seasoning
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 large cloves garlic, finely minced 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- (do not use bottled, the flavour is very harsh)

2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme leaves

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.

Line a large baking pan with foil. Season chicken with salt and pepper and roast, skin side up, in oven for 35-40 minutes.

While chicken is roasting, heat olive oil and garlic in a small saucepan, over low heat, until garlic starts to sizzle, but not colour. Remove from heat and combine garlic oil with lemon juice in a 9 x 13 glass baking dish. Mix in fresh thyme leaves and set aside.

After chicken has roasted for 35 minutes, remove chicken from oven and increase oven temperature to 450 degrees. Place chicken pieces in lemon-garlic sauce and roll so that they are completely coated.

Return chicken to baking pan and roast for an additional 5-10 minutes, until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Return chicken to glass baking dish and roll in lemon-garlic sauce once more.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

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Understanding the Middle East and the survival of the Jews

No matter how many books I read, I always wish I had time for more. Rather than let the following promising titles go unnoticed, I thought I'd let you know they were available. I'll abstain from an opinion as I haven't read them myself.

> Yasir Arafat: A Political Biography By Barry Rubin and Judith Colp Rubin Oxford University Press Softcover. 2005

He called himself "General" Arafat even though he had never been one. He was master of PR and self-promotion, and, although he claimed to be working for the betterment of the Palestinian people, he led them into crisis after crisis.

How did Arafat transform himself into a Palestinian icon? How did he come to speak for a nation, even though he managed to do nothing for it?

The Rubins try to answer these questions in this biography that traces Arafat's life. Written in their distinctively readable style, they paint a portrait of a man who personified the word "self-made."

> The Secret History of the Iraq War By Yossef Bodansky Harper Collins Soficover, 2005

The director of the Congressional Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare makes a lot of unreferenced claims in this account of the Iraqi war debacle: that Saddam supported Islamic terrorist organizations and cooperated with al-Qaeda in Iraq; that he indeed had weapons of mass destruction, which were secretly and cleverly buried in the sand and which only Saddam and a small circle of his intimates knew of; weapons and production facilities were buried in Syria, Iran and Lebanon; American intelligence failed because it was looking in all the wrong places and, as a result, doomed the United States' initiative to bring democracy to the region from the start.

The book is replete with interviews of CIA officials and extensive quotations from Arab publications, which call for continued armed resistance to American interests in the

Middle East.

Even though the book has been criticized for its "jumbled narrative" and unsubstantiated references, Bodansky is nonetheless acknowledged as a man in the know and his revelations contribute to a fascinating chronicle of the war and its aftermath — and an indictment of U.S. foreign policy.

From Babel ta Dragamans: Interpreting the Middle East By Bernard Lewis Oxford University Press Hardcover, 2004

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The book offers pieces never before published in English (they were initially published in foreign languages) and unpublished writings, as well as reprints of past essays. They include pieces on Saddam and Osama, the origins of Muslim hatred, Islam and the West, and "a wealth of profound reflections on Middle Eastern history, culture, politics, and current events."

Eyewitness ta Jewish History By Rabbi Benjanin Blech John Wiley & Sons Hardcover, 2004

Given all of the attempts, inroughout history, to eradicate the Jews, it's surprising we're still around. The miracle of our existence is what inspired Rabbi Blech to write this book.

He claims to have written a book that actually transports readers into the past, into feeling like participants in it. With sidebars that comment on the main text, he takes us time-travelling back to the Biblical Period (2000-538 B.C.E.) and the Second Temple era (515 B.C.E.-70 C.E.), the First Millenium (70 C.E. -1000 C.E.), Late Medieval Times (1000-1700s), and forward to the Age of Emancipation (1700s-1800s) and Modern Times (20th Century to present).

By excerpting from diaries, journals, letters, newspaper accounts, public testimony, official communications and ancient texts, he allows readers to "experience" the historical moment in time, in the hope that remembering Amalek will reinforce our commitment to Judaism and its survival.

Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making af the Modern Middle East By Michael Oren Oxford University Press Hardcover, 2002

In perhaps the definitive book on what Arabs refer to as Al-Naksah (the setback), the author of *The Origins of the Second Arab-Israeli War* and Senior Fellow at the Shalem Centre in Jerusalem details the events of the six days of localized war that threatened to devolve into a nuclear catastrophe and that transformed Israel in the process.

Drawing on thousands of documents declassified in the 1990s, and a variety of other sources including foreign language and archival material, Internet sites and interviews, Orch has written a documentary-style text that tries to answer the questions of why the war took place, how the Israeli Defense Forces won so overwhelmingly, and how the war affected Arab-Israeli diplomacy.

Oren concludes that "along with opportunities for peace, the Six-Day or June War opened the door to even deadlier conflagrations" and that "the war that never quite ended for statesmen, soldiers, and historians, is liable to erupt again."

The spirit of jazz: roots and wings

By Tracy Mack Scholastic Inc. 2003 198 ps. Ages 10 and up

For jazz musicians, improvisation means never having to repeat the exact same notes of a composition each time they play it. A song's basic structure is honoured even as riffs are added and modified to reach yet another level of musical and, often spiritual, artistry.

Improvisation is not risk free. When musicians take off into the unknown, they sometimes fail to please themselves and/or their audience. But even in failure, their effort radiates a sense of hope and optimism. Small wonder, then, that jazz improvisation is considered a metaphor for life.

In Birdland, author Tracy Mack not only uses jazz as a metaphor for life, she also uses other arts - writing poetry, making a documentary film, and skateboarding (yes, skateboarding!) - in the same way. In essence she is asserting that both in art and in life, the path toward growth and maturity lies in striving for an elusive balance between roots and

Set amid the Christmas hurly-burly of New York City's East Village, Birdland is an passionate novel of broken things - loss, pain, family dysfunction - but, above all, hope. Unsentimental and nonjudgmental in tone, irony and sardonic humour are employed to understate the depth of emotion. Thus the author protects readers from being overwhelmed by the story's all-too-real characters and their plights.

Told in the present tense, with numerous flashbacks, the story is crammed into an intense four-day period, with a brief after school holiday fifth day. Because 13-year-old Jed is making a documentary film about his neighbourhood for a school assignment, much of the action is seen through the eye of a video camcorder.

Filming is a tip-off that setting, perspective, focus and, eventually, editing will be as critical to the written story as it is to making documentaries. True enough, as Mack builds her story with layer upon layer of visual, auditory and literary metaphors.

The East Village and its water-tower-topped buildings are



Kid Lit

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as central to the story's symbolism as repeated references to Charlie "Bird" Parker's soaring alto saxophone, Lewis Carroll's Alice In Wonderland, a statue of Jesus in a case on someone's front yard, best friend Flyer's skateboarding artistry, a homeless waif with a dog named Jupiter, and ambiguous notions of freedom.

Yet even on first reading, when many of these symbolic layers skim by, the story's effect is stunning. As with many books for adolescents, Birdland is a coming-of-age story, primarily for Jed (Joseph Eli Diamond), but also for Flyer (Theodore Alexander Gray the Second) and, in some respects, for Jed's parents.

In the face of family tragedy everyone is affected, even Jed's two-year-old brother. Tragedy for the Diamonds was the death, six months earlier of the oldest son, Zeke, a talented, risk-taking, poet and diabetic. For Flyer and his father, it was his mother's unexpected and unexplained departure.

Where does Jewish content come into all this? That is a sometimes clear and other times equivocal aspect to the story. The Diamonds are Jewish. When Zeke dies, Jed's father abandons religion to such an extent that Jed's upcoming Bar Mitzvah is cancelled.

But Rabbi David Dove's name keeps cropping up, as does Jed's yearnings for an identity that will somehow include his father, being Jewish and retaining a connection to his beloved older brother whose Bar Mitzvah he remembers

Jed's struggle for identity is clearly a work in progress, though his concern for the well-being of a strangely bebaving homeless girl, who may or may not have had a connec-



tion with Zeke, could be called mitzvah therapy. By the end of the book. Jed has matured, but one senses there is still more healing and growth to com

In sum, Birdland is a remarkable multi-dimensional novel of self-discovery, imagination, forgiveness and hope. Its prose is exquisitely visual. Its images, uniquely unsettling. Its irony, cutting edge. And it's artistry, second to none. An inspiring read and an eye-opening education in the lingo and artistry of skateboarding.



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Spin the election dreidel

"Who wants to campaign in the slush?" quipped Pierre Elliot Trudeau on the eve of Canada's last winter election 25 years ago.

I agree with Trudeau's witticism. Someone who figures a way to combine parliamentary democracy with a good, fixed, date for periodic Canadian elections – preferably in mid-May – should win the Nobel Prize (or, at least, a minor variety of the GG's awards).

Fortunately, campaigning in the snow is a problem for politicians, who perhaps deserve it, but not for writers. Luckitly, I don't even have to think of doing anything so personally punishing. It's enough if I point out some useful websites that may help you let your fingers do the walking on the way to a decision.

First, most of the organizational guides to issues of interest to the Jewish community bave already appeared. From the early evidence, this election seems to be slightly more relaxed in areas of Jewish concern. Both the government and the official opposition are very clear on where they stand. We can take satisfaction that here, at least, the residue of the Chrétien era seems to have been dispelled.

Ron Csillag, staff reporter of *The Canadian Jewish News*, has provided a useful overview. Csillag quotes sociology professor Morton Weinfield: "Twenty or thirty years ago, when it came to the Middle East, the scrutiny [of the government] came from the Jewish community. Now, it's increasingly coming from the Muslim and Arab communities. With each passing election, this tension is becoming more and more acute."

Radio Canada International posts a report on the concerns of the Arab and Muslim community in Canada.

B'nai Brith and the Canadian Jewish Congress released issue guides, early in the campaign. The Canada-Israel Committee will issue a guide to bilateral Canada-Israel relations, and this should be on the web by the time this column appears in print.

The B'nai Brith guide — the earliest to appear — deals, in its first two sections, with domestic security and social concerns (e.g., housing, financial help for community schools, and aboriginal rights). The third section deals with Canada's policy in the Arab-Israel conflict and with UN reform, but also highlights the Sudan tragedy as an issues for Jews in Canada who want their government to be vigorous in support of human rights and against rampant violence and hate-mongering

The CJC home page has a link to its PDF file which provides a detailed 34-page analysis of issues of concern. Adobe's free Acrobat document reader or Apple's Preview utility are required to read the CJC report.

The web is full of election coverage and the trick, as usual, is how to get what you want without drowning in the

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process. Here are some of the websites that can help you.

During the 2004 election, I discovered Wikipedia's excellent assemblage of election news and data. There's lots of hard fact, places where you can look up constituency and candidate information (provided by the campaigns), and lots of nuts and bolts that save you time chasing down basic information. What's useful is that the page is kept up to date daily and also has links to the last year's build-up to the election. Wikipedia's recently made changes to gain more editorial control over reader-contributed information (a recent survey now found that it was running a close second to Britannica among reference librarians polled).

Nodice provides a one-page set (of data and links) that sums up and compares polls, provides news, discussion, and partisan press releases by the parties and their spin-doctors that promote their views and criticize their opponents. Clicking on the abbreviated polling chart brings out a graphic of trends and a fuller data table of polling history.

The TV networks and their websites have grown increasingly better at following elections. This time out, I've decid-

ed to make Global my main source for overviews, and fill in with special features that I find interesting at the other websites. CTV has a comparative table of party positions on issues. And CBC has an interesting page where you can enter a riding and follow real-time postings of people's election comments to get (hopefully) local perspectives.

Websites

Csillag: http://www.cjnews.com/viewarticle.asp?id=7987

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Be careful: the paranoid's lament

I am a man of great and deep vision, but I keep on getting undermined by the small things. I have discovered the literal truth of the saying, "the devil is in the details." That is exactly where he hides, ready to subvert, trick and weaken you.

I have a great idea for a new lighting fixture in the basement, but, when I try to install it, the wires are all wrong and I electrocute myself.

I build a table, but, somehow, three of the four legs are of a slightly different length compared to the fourth. As I try to fix it, my table keeps on getting shorter. Eventually, I pretend I always had in mind to build a really low end table with four little stubs instead of legs.

When we moved to Ottawa, I came first to set up our rented town house. I bave the brilliant idea to put a new oven element into the used stove still in the place so it will be ready when my wife arrives. When I stick the screw-driver in to tighten the new element, I discover I had not shut off the electricity. There is a blinding flasb and the blade on my screwdriver is half melted.

When my wife arrives to look over the place, she walks into the kitchen and asks, "What's that funny smell?"

Later the finde a second look over the place, she walks

Later, she finds a screw loose in the screen door and asks me to tighten it with my screwdriver. I turn a little red and say, "I can't find it."

I go into a used bookstore to look over what they've got. I take out my wallet and put it on the stack of books while I look at a few interesting ones. When I decide not to buy any of the books and to go home, I remember the tricks of the adversary and deliberately pick up my wailet. I laugh as I walk to the car thinking I had tricked the devil*in the details. I put the wallet on the roof of my car as I fumble for my keys. I unlock the car door, get in and drive off.

There is \$200 in cash in the wallet I left on the roof of my car. I am forced to admit to my spouse that I lost my wallet and I have to fill out forms for new cards: bank cards, credit cards, social insurance, health, driver's licence and ownership, etc.

Two months later, someone sends me the wallet in the



Humour me, please

Rubin Friedman

mail. All the cards are there, but the cash is gone.

The conspiracy against me is widespread. Yesterday, I went in to Tim Horton's and ordered a quadruple. The cashier pretended not to understand that I ordered a double double. Can't she do the math?

Today, as I was packing to go to Toronto, I discovered that my kit bag was not in its usual place.

"I saw it there last night," I muttered to myself. "Who ould have taken it?"

I looked in the usuai place several times and no matter how many times I looked there, the kit bag did not appear. It stubbornly maintained its invisibility.

Then my wife called from the computer room, "Is this your kit bag? What's it doing next to the computer?"

I was indignant. That kit bag had no right to be anywhere but its rightful place. Then I knew that the kit bag was in on this plot. It had transported itself, beamed itself to another location. Obviously this was meant so

I am not alone in being the victim of the devil's tricks. Today at the gas station, I saw a sign that read, "Employee cannot open safe," Without his knowledge, someone had trumpeted the employee's incompetence to all. I was expecting to see another sign: "Employee cannot walk and chew gum at the same time." When I confided my insights to the employee, he seemed indignant. Oh, well, not everyone is ready for the truth.

How about you? Be careful. Your reputation too can be sullied by the smallest misteak.

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Zipes Karanofsky Family Endowment to help someone in need

Helen Zipes and husband Rick grew up in Montreal with well-entrenched traditions of tzedakah. So, when they moved to Ottawa 28 years ago, getting involved in the community was a given. They joined Agudath Israel Congregation and Helen became an active member of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre Board.

Helen also understands only too well. what it means to have the support of your community. She and her older brother, Earl, grew up with a developmentally delayed younger brother, Gerald, who suffered from many physical handicaps. Back then, there was very little community support. Her extended family provided the much-needed assistance to her parents.

As a way of giving back something to the community that will be lasting, Helen and Rick approached the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF) and opened the Zipes Karanofsky Family Endowment Fund in honour of both their parents. They have chosen to allocate the income generated from the fund to Tamir.

"I have heard and seen some of the examples of the fabulous work that Tamir does and it's been really gratifying to see the young adults in shul each week," says Helen. "Today, families often do not live in the same city, both parents often work, and thankfully community agencies such as



Rick and Helen Zipes

Tamir exist and can help.

Helen also feels that since she and Rick were blessed with two healthy children, if seemed only natural to want to help an organization like Tamir. "We recognize the value of a community agency like Tamir and the considerable difference it can make to someone's life," says Helen.

They both also feel that the "Levitan" matching program made opening up a fund all the more irresistible. "Our sincere thanks go out to the Levitan family for their most generous offer."

To find out more about setting up an endowment fund within the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, contact us today at 798-4696, ext. 252. If you wish to make a donation to the Zipes Karanofsky Family Endowment Fund, you may call 798-4696, ext. 274 or visit us online at www.jewishottawa.com/ojcf. It's a gift that keeps on giving!

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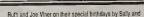
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In memory o1: Adele Gordon by Debi, Neil, Josh and Adam Zaret.

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Birthdey wishes to:

John McAninch and on his semi-retirement by Rick end

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Congratulations to:
Evelyn Greenberg on the establishment of the Evelyn
Greenberg Endowment at the University of Ottawa by Sally and
Monton Taller; and by Edie Landau.

In memory of: Shirley Heinbecker by Evelyn and Irving Greenberg.

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Birthday wishes to:
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R'fueh Sh'lemah to:

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Len Farber on his new career by Joany, Andy, Jaclyn, Jonathan and Stacey Katz.

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Congratulations to

Ruth Silbert and Shannon Conway on the birth of their first grandchild Samuel Edward Sharrett by Heni Nadel. Confinued good health to:

Grant and Suzanne Hunter and continued good health by Heni Nadel.

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Birthday wishes to:
Nina Rothman on her 21st birthday by Mommy, Daddy,
Stuart, PJ, and Marshall.

LEAH KOVACS SCHWEITZER B'NAI MITZVAH FUND

Birthday wishes to: Rose Schweitzer by Irwin, Kathi and Leah Schweitzer.

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In memory of:

Mike Lafond by Mark and Lise Thaw and family Abe Hochberg by Mark and Lise Thaw and lamily.

Anniversary wishes to:

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Judy and David Show Sunday, January 22, 2006 at 1:30 and 4:00 m. Ne ean Centre rinte Theatre - Ben Franklin Place, 101

Young Adult Division of Jewish Federation of Ottawa and SJCC present \$5 per person Family Pizza Party Pass following the 4:00 pm Judy and David show at Centrepointe Theatre, Judy and David will attend the pizza party. For tickets to the show, call 590-2700 and quote "Boomy" for group discount. For the Family Pizza Pass, call 790-4696, ext. 270.

MONDAY ANUARY 23

JET, Lawyers's Lunch and Learn, Gowlings, 160 Eigin Street, noon.

Ashbury Theatre group,
"And Then They Came tor Me:
Remembering the World of
Anne Frank," Ashbury College,
362 Mariposa Ave. Tickels and
performance time information:
749-5954 ext.316. Play runs until
January 26.

TUESDAY

The Soloway Jewish Community Centre and The University of Ottawa Heart Institute presents a lecture "A Woman's

WEDNESDAY

Mother and Daughter Israeli Dancing (Women Only), Congregation Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Drive, 7:00 pm.

FRIDAY

JETSETTERS Friday Night Dinner, Shaps Family Home, 5:45 pm.

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CANDLELIGHTING

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1

The Ottawa Chapter of Canadian Friends of Peace Lecture with guest speaker Protestor Mira Sucherov of Carieton University, who will give an analysis of the Israeli & Paiestinian campaigns (election in the territories) as shaped up thus far and the limplications for the peace process, 7:30 pm.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4

Parent's Melave Maika, Torah Academy, 8:00 pm.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 6

Chabad of Greater Offawa lecture with Rabbi Moshe New, Young israel Synagogue, social hall, 627 Kirkwood Avenue, 8:00 pm. info: 729-1819.

COMING

SOON

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 Federation YAD Bash 2006. Tickets and info: Sharon Frenkel (798-4696, ext. 270).

MONDAY, MARCH 27

Jowes' II. by Live Into JET (Lio-soli), ett. ZiT)

APRIL 26 - MAY 7 Adult Leadership Mission to Israel. Info: Jack Silverstein (798-4696, ext. 245).

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

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